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Morse, Bradley bring drinking water contamination mitigation bill to House

Concord, NH - Today, the House Finance committee heard SB 57 which would create a loan program from the Drinking and Ground Water Trust Fund to help businesses mitigate water contamination issues.

Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statements after the hearing:

"Access to clean water is a growing issue that we need to be intently focused on because of the implications it has for public health and also business and jobs growth in this state," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem). "That is why I worked on legislation last year to establish the Drinking and Ground Water Trust Fund using Exxon Mobil MtBE settlement dollars. This fund was created to be used specifically to solve water contamination issues and further protect our drinking and ground water resources."

"This legislation will give the Department of Environmental Services the ability to create a loan program so that eligible businesses looking to mitigate well water contamination issues have the resources to connect communities to the public water supply. They will be responsible for paying back the loan so that we can help other communities to have access to clean water," said Morse.

"Water is a most precious resource and we must do whatever we can to mitigate contamination issues while protecting clean water resources for our future," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). "I am proud of the Senate's work on this measure because it is using the Drinking and Ground Water Trust Fund exactly how it was intended--to help our citizens have access to clean drinking water. I look forward to the House's support of this important and practical measure."

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